

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, BE

SUBJECT: TAXATION OF INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE/  
BELGIUM

REF: SECSTATE 191803

1. RAPID CHECK OF SEVERAL SHIPPING LINES AND OF AIR  
CARRIERS INDICATES THAT IN BELGIUM THERE ARE NO SIMILAR  
TAXES ON "INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE OF FOREIGN FLAG  
CARRIERS." PANAM REP O'GORMAN COMMENTED THAT WHILE  
CONTAINERS WERE NOT SUBJECT TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TAX,  
DUTY IS APPLIED BASED ON THE VALUE OF THE GOODS AND  
TRANSPORTATION CHARGES. THUS, IF THERE IS A CHARGE FOR  
THE USE OF THE CONTAINER, THAT PORTION OF THE COST IS  
SUBJECT TO TAX.

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PROVISIONS FOR IMPOSING  
RETALIATORY TAXES ALONG LINES DESCRIBED PARA 3 REFTTEL.  
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## Message Attributes

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